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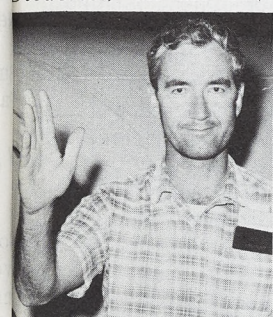
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Press Problems In Port-au-Prince

In the early hours of last Saturday morning, a detail of Haitian troops pulled up at the home of OPCer Bernard Diederich on the outskirts of Port-au-



Diederich

Prince. Diederich, part-time correspondent for the AP, NBC and *NY Times* and editor of the *Haiti Sun* (Port-au-Prince's English language weekly), emerged from his home carrying his six-week-old son. His wife was away at a neighbors. Diederich hasn't seen his family since that morning.

The newsman was told he was *persona non grata* by the carbine-wielding leader of the band of soldiers — one Lucien Chauvet, who also is Haitian Assistant Secretary of National Defense and Interior. Without further explanation,

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ANNUAL MEETING:

REPORTS AND TWO HOT DEBATES

By RONALD A. LANG

The "quiet" half of this year's two-session OPC Annual Meeting turned out to be a boisterous affair, although all but two Committee Reports were quietly accepted. (The two hotly debated issues — the proposed changes in membership requirements and the question of who shall be "honored" at OPC functions are discussed in separate articles in this issue.)

Last week's portion of the Annual Meeting was devoted to Committee Reports and was recessed until May 15 at which time the election half of the meeting will be held.

Most interest (excluding the two reports noted above) centered on Matt Huttner's Treasurer's Report, which turned out to be more optimistic than was expected.

Awards Dinner Band Set

Ben Cutler and his famous society orchestra will provide dinner and dance music for the Overseas Press Club Annual Awards Dinner, Tues., May 28, at the Americana Hotel, according to Dinner Committee chairman John McVane.

The committee points out that reservations are being made at an unprecedented rate and OPCers are urged to reserve tickets as soon as possible. Close to 40 companies have bought tables to date.

Ticket prices have been set at \$15 for a member and the same price for one guest, with all others \$35.

"Brink of Solvency"

Huttner described the OPC's present fiscal position as "the brink of solvency" and noted that the total loss during the last seven months has been less than \$9,000 despite the extended newspaper strike.

Huttner praised the board's decision to raise dues and to install a self-service elevator as major steps in "helping to overcome the Club's annual deficit."

However, he said that the Horwath &

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NOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR



Tues., May 7 — Regional Dinner; Alsace. Special menu, door prizes, entertainment. Charge: \$5. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations. Members and one guest.

Wed., May 8 — Luncheon cancelled. H.E. Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister of Israel, has postponed his U.S. trip because of sudden political developments in the Mideast. New date will be announced.

Tues., May 14 — Luncheon honoring foreign correspondents, co-sponsored by OPC and the International Rescue Committee. Reception 12:00 Noon. Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. (See pg.3)

Wed., May 15 — OPC Elections: Annual Meeting, part 2. Time: 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., May 16 — Book Night: "The Deed." by Gerold Frank. Panel will be moderated by Frank Gervasi. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations. (See page 3)

Fri., May 17 — OPC Charter Flight to Rome. Leaves Idlewild 10:00 p.m. OPC reception for Rome-based members and fliers will be held Sat., May 18, 7:30 p.m., at new Cavalieri Hilton Hotel. Knights of Malta reception, Sun., May 19. On return: London reception for resident members, Sat., June 15, at London Hilton Hotel on Park Lane. Flight leaves London for NYC Sun., June 16, 12:00 NOON.

Tues., May 21 — Open House in cooperation with International Feder-

ation of Free Journalists. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Details later.

Fri., May 24 — Reception & Luncheon for Hon. Kenneth D. Kaunda, Minister of Local Government and "Father of Independence" of Northern Rhodesia. Time: 12:30 p.m. Details later.

Tues., May 28 — Annual Awards Dinner, at Americana Hotel.

Sat., June 29 — Trip to Sterling Forest Gardens (near Tuxedo, N.Y., about an hour's drive from OPC). Cocktail reception; dinner; free use of the 125-acre gardens; chair lift rides. This will be a fund-raising event for the OPC Roof Garden being planned. Charge \$5 for members; \$15 for guests; including transportation, dinner and 2 pre-dinner cocktails.

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MEXICO CITY..from JAIME PLENN

More than 50 news correspondents registered for 19th biennial convention of Internat'l Chamber of Commerce (April 20-27), with about 1,500 delegates from 48 countries. Among correspondents from out of the country who covered the event were: **Joseph W.F. Stoppelman**, Het Parool and De Telegraf, Holland; Van Schendel, La Presse, Montreal; John Leo Best, Canadian Press; **Stella Margold**, NANA; John Buktas, Turkish Press; Denslo Hamlin, Danbury (Conn.) News Times; Juan C. Nolan, NY Herald Tribune, European Edition; Elliott Haynes, Business International; George Volgar, Radio KWPC, Iowa.

Inter-American Press Assn. technical seminar for LatAm newsmen opened here Sun., April 28, to continue until May 15, with discussions of management, costs, circulation and advertising, as well as news coverage. The seminar was arranged with cooperation of the Ford Foundation.

"Club Primera Plans" (Front Page Club), made up of news execs of Mexico City daily newspapers, hosted a luncheon April 23 for members of the Foreign Correspondents Assn. President Hugo Aguilar said it would be first of series of get-togethers aimed at bringing about closer relationship and understanding between Mexican and foreign newsmen.

Among recent visitors of Foreign Press Club were Horst Cornelsen of Rias-Berlin and Telegraf, Germany; Bruce West, Toronto Globe and Mail; Ian G. Rae and Warren G. Stoyles, News Ltd., Australia; James Lynch, Federal News of Canada; Robert C. Hill, former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; and Col. Lazlo Pataky of Nicaragua.

WASHINGTON..from JESSIE STEARNS

Alfred Friendly, m.e., Washington Post, was elected member of Gridiron Club . . . Nancy Hanschman Dickerson shifted from CBS News to NBC News May 1. She has been with CBS for nine years and has worked as a correspondent since 1960. . . Morton Mintz, Washington Post reporter, received 19th annual Raymond Clapper Memorial Award. The \$1,000 cash award was announced at the Editors' Dinner, April 20. Mintz' winning story was on the efforts of Dr. Frances Kelsey to keep thalidomide off the market in America.

CHARTER FLIGHT RESERVATIONS?

There's still room! Round trip: \$295 - Idlewild to Rome, May 17; return from London, June 16.

PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: **Manfred George**, editor, Aufbau, back from research trip to Haiti and Dominican Republic.

ARTICLES: Reader's Digest for May features article on Washington lobbyists by **Joe Alex Morris**; also contains pieces by **Karl Detzer**, **Lawrence Elliott**, **Clarence Hall**, **Robert Littell**, **Harland Manchester** and **Donald Robinson** . . . **Edward A. Walsh**, Fordham journalism head, joined with **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, and others in "The Publication Explosion in the Catholic Press" for The Critic's April-May issue. . . **Larry Blochman's** "The Wolf and the Wayward WAC" is lead story in Ellery Queen's Magazine for May; his "Love Solves a Crime" in April 21 American Weekly. . . Four-page picture story on Japanese wedding by **Bernard Krisher** in recent Life International, who also has story and pix on American fashion model in Tokyo scheduled for June Cosmopolitan. . . Recent and upcoming from type-writer of **Lester Fox** include "Make the Most of a Marsh" (February Flower Grower), "Initiative and Hard Work Kept the Farm Going (April American Agriculturist), "Soils Maps Used to Locate Recreation Sites" (February Recreation) and "For a Well-Groomed Yard, Do As Farmers Do," a collaboration, in May-June Popular Gardening.

BOOKS: Religion author **Roland Gammon** shuttling between Palm Beach and Palm Springs to finish his new inspirational volume, "Faith Is a Star." Studded with big names, it's due this fall via Dutton.

NEW POSTS: **William A. Corley**, editor NBC Radio's "World News Round-up," named network's manager, News, in Chicago; will supervise both network and local news at WMAQ and WNBQ. . . **Ellis Mott**, former editor "Science Digest," to co-edit and produce new five-minute syndicated radio program, "Scientifically Speaking." . . **Igor Gordevitch**, editor-in-chief Vision, announces appointment of Dr. Alberto Lleras, former president of Colombia, to write fortnightly column and undertake special editorial projects. . . **George Zuckerman**, Asbury Park publicity director since 1935, resigned to serve as consultant and handle p.r. for clients in specialized fields.

RADIO-TV: "The Talk in Vandalia," a book by **Joseph Lyford**, was subject of **Chet Huntley** TV program on NBC April 30. Book was published in

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Editor This Week: **Bernard Morris**
Bulletin Committee Chairman:
Charles E. Campbell, Jr.
Managing Editor: **Lucille G. Pierlot**

'Getting to Know You' -- Candidates Meet & Greet

The spirit of good will during this year's OPC election campaign was well exhibited at the April 26 reception when candidates, voters, wives and guests assembled for friendly chat and handshakes.

With the absence of political rally soapboxes, snapping of galluses, baby-kissing, buttonholing and TV debates, 28 out of the 38 candidates — headed by presidential opponents *Bruno Shaw* and *Barrett McGurn* — were on hand to answer questions on an individual basis.

The Dutch Treat evening was one of genial "getting to know you" conversations — mainly among the contenders, many of whom had never met before.

The successful effort to better acquaint members with their prospective officers on a more personal level was pioneered by Program Committee chairman *Wendell Sether* who lightly commented; "The candidates found that their fellow member running mates were really human beings."

May 15 Luncheon at Club To Honor Correspondents

As part of its 30th Anniversary Year commemoration, the International Rescue Committee will pay tribute to "American newspapermen and women who have told the story of the flight of political refugees from tyranny during the past three decades" at an OPC-IRC sponsored luncheon Tues., May 14.

The award ceremonies will include a specially-prepared narrative covering the 1933-63 period by *Leo Cherne*, for 10 years chairman of IRC.

"Through this luncheon," IRC's public affairs director *Gilbert Jonas* said, "we hope to repay in a modest way our appreciation to the hundreds of American correspondents . . . who have conveyed the story of tyranny's victims to our countrymen and the world."

Tickets will be limited to OPCers on a first-come basis. Telephone Mrs. Bond, OR 9-0010 for reservations.

PEOPLE & PLACES (Cont'd f. pg. 2)

January by Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

EXHIBITS: Paintings by *C.C. Beall* on display May 1-17 and sculpture by *Irma Selz* beginning May 29, both at Illustrator's Club.

FOOTNOTE: With the 8 new time dials on the grillroom wall at the OPC Clubhouse, the bar is a nice place to get clock-eyed (bravely submitted by *Harry Hertz*).

Betty Etter



CONCERT, April 28: (l. to r.) Accompanist Paul Berl; Music committee vice-chairman John Gutman; and guest artists Nolan Van Way and Janet Pavek. (Photo, Tommy Weber).

Met's Studio Vocalists Big Hit at OPC Concert

An enthusiastic audience of over 100 attended last Sunday's concert by Metropolitan Opera Studio singers, soprano Janet Pavek and baritone Nolan Van Way.

Miss Pavek was as superb vocally as she was delightful in her style and beautifully phrased melodies. Mr. Van Way has a robust voice which he knows how to project with taste and clarity. The talented performers and their performances were a rare and enjoyable experience, deserving the warm reception they received.

The program ran the gamut from operatic arias to musical comedy, highlighted by a duet rendition of a group of songs from "Show Boat."

Music Committee chairman *Jack Frummer* presided and assistant manager of the Met, *John Gutman*, MC'd the event.

Discussion to Be Held On New Book, 'The Deed'

OPCers will have an opportunity to hear a discussion of one of the year's most outstanding books — "The Deed," by *Gerold Frank* — on Thurs., May 16, with the author present.

Frank covered the trial of two young men, members of the notorious Stern group, who were convicted of the murder of Lord Moyne, British Minister of State in the Middle East. The young murderers, Eliahu Bet Zouri and Eliahu Hakim, had never seen Lord Moyne previously and in his book, the author tries to analyze the reasons for the killing. Frank tells the readers that even those in Palestine who detested the Stern group mourned when the two Eliahus were hanged.

Frank Gervasi will moderate the discussion and a panel of experts will lend their knowledge to an analysis of the work.



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Annual Meeting Brings Hot Debates

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Horwath Report on Club operations should remain as the "cornerstone" of future fiscal planning, despite the fact that only two of the seven recommendations have been put into effect.

He suggested that the new board (to be elected May 15) should again review these recommendations.

"Remaining yet is the need to provide a firm financial cushion over and above our costs of operation . . . This will be the great challenge of the new administration."

Flight Plans in Order

Madeline D. Ross, chairman of the Charter Flight Committee, reported that everything is at last in order for this month's departure.

She said that, because of the newspaper strike, there had been 50 cancellations earlier and that there was some question as to whether or not the flight could be held.

Everything finally had been worked out and BOAC had been paid, even though there were going to be a few empty places.

She did note that the board was going to have to consider the feasibility of holding any further Charter Flights.

"Someone needs to work full time for 4 months of the year to handle all the details" she told the membership. "But it is fiscally impossible to hire someone."

Major problem, she indicated, was the number of phone calls (from 7:00 a.m. to midnight) she had received from PR people trying to take advantage of such a neatly packaged group of newspapermen.

New Program Series

Jim Sheldon, chairman of the Open House Committee, announced plans for a series of "Meet the UN Delegates" programs which would not involve meals.

These programs will be held in the late afternoon or early evening and the first is due to be announced soon.

Victor Riesel's Freedom of the Press Committee report was particularly well received as he described the excellent reputation of the OPC abroad.

Riesel noted that his committee has "done some very remarkable things" during the past year in helping newspapermen in trouble in foreign countries.

However, he added that the committee did not plan to take action on purely

U.S. problems regarding press freedom. This was in reply to a question about the news management issue plaguing the Kennedy Administration.

Steve Korse's Placement Committee Report said that 1,790 résumés had been circulated in the past year and that 65 members had been offered jobs as the result of Placement Committee efforts. Forty-one of the offers were accepted. At present there are 219 OPCers registered with the committee.

The Bulletin Committee's Report, prepared by chairman Charles E. Campbell, Jr., stressed the efforts of *Bulletin* editors to cover completely and fairly all Club activities, including the elections.

Campbell also noted the *Bulletin's* new drive to obtain additional advertising revenue and asked members to help in every way possible.

Resolution Attempted

Bob Black, who heads the Information Committee, attempted to have a resolution passed eliminating chits for newspapermen covering OPC events (except for USIA and VOA personnel who do not have expense accounts). He said that the tab for these working newspapermen amounted to over \$1,100 last year.

After some discussion, the resolution was tabled.

In his introductory remarks, OPC president Will Yolen took note of the events leading up to ex-president Richard J.H. Johnston's resignation. (See Presidents Report, page 5)

IAAC WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION

Gary MacEoin, chairman of the Inter-American Affairs Committee, announced shortly after the Annual Meeting last week that his Committee had withdrawn its resignation.

The Committee members (with four exceptions) had resigned over the planned Press Luncheon being given for Cheddi Jagan, who they felt did not meet the principles in the OPC Constitution.

However, the action taken at the OPC Annual Meeting (see story, this page) satisfied MacEoin and his Committee that a similar incident such as this would not occur again and the resignation was withdrawn.

AN AFFAIR OF HONOR

OPC Functions Disputed

The recent "invitation" of Dr. Cheddi Jagan to speak at an OPC Press Luncheon touched off a storm of protest at last week's Annual Meeting — and resulted in passage of a stringent definition of who will and will not be honored at an OPC affair.

Dr. Jagan's visit, which was prompted by a request from a member of his staff, led to the near-unanimous resignation of the Inter-American Affairs Committee, in the sending of a strongly worded telegram to newspapers in British Guiana, and in a very heated hour of debate at the Annual Meeting.

Key to the debate was the question of whether or not an individual is "honored" by being invited to speak at a Press Conference, a Press Luncheon or an Open House dinner.

Several members, headed by Jim Sheldon, opposed limiting speakers to "friends" but they were outvoted when the question was put to a vote.

The majority of members, after listening to impassioned speeches by Gary MacEoin, chairman of the Inter-American Affairs Committee and Victor Riesel, chairman of the Freedom of the Press Committee, decided that anything beyond a Press Conference could be called a social affair and could be considered "honoring" the guest speaker.

MacEoin and others called attention to the OPC Constitution which refers to the Club aim of disseminating "democratic principles" and said that men who do not meet this Constitutional test should not be invited to address the Club.

MacEoin added that his Committee felt so strongly that all members (except three whom he could not reach) had signed a letter of resignation (since withdrawn) over the Jagan incident. However, one Committee member, Sam Inman, disavowed approval of MacEoin's action and said he had "never voted not to hear anyone" and was not going to start now.

Riesel noted that the invitation to Jagan would be used by him at home against his opponents. He accused Jagan of being "a strike breaker" and of "destroying freedom of the press" in British Guiana.

As the result of his talk, a resolution was passed directing OPC president Will Yolen to send a telegram to newspapers in British Guiana pointing out that Jagan was addressing the OPC at his own request and that no "honor" was attached to the invitation.

In addition, the fact that Jagan's appearance was at his request was to

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PRESIDENT WILL YOLEN GIVES ANNUAL REPORT

I want first of all to express to each and every one of you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your magnificent cooperation and support, not only during these strenuous past two months, when I unexpectedly became the president of this Club, but also during the previous 10 months when I started as first vice president. I am deeply grateful to all of you . . .

I must now touch briefly on a recent occurrence, distressing to me personally, but which it is my duty as president to include in my annual report to the membership.

It is not my intention tonight to go into the details of the already much-belabored course of events which lead up to our former president's resignation. Too much has already been said, misinterpreted and theorized about a situation which was brought about — and this is my honest opinion — brought about simply by an unfortunate chain of circumstances, circumstances which were magnified out of all proportion by the intensity of the zeal of the many who are involved in, and deeply devoted to, the operation of this Club in the best interest of its aims and objectives.

Our former president's right — indeed the right of any board member — to disagree with actions taken by the board is indisputable. But the fact remains that the board of governors, as a whole — not individual board members, or groups of board members — the board, as a whole, is the sole governing body of this Club.

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be made known to reporters covering the talk.

Wendell Sether, OPC Program Coordinator, called attention to the fact that the Jagan Luncheon had been changed to a Press Conference only, as the result of members' complaints earlier in the week.

A resolution was then passed directing that the OPC will not invite to "social functions" anyone who publicly flouts its basic principles. . . that the decision as to whether the Club's rules apply to an individual will not be taken without consulting with committees which have a competence in the area.

Unfortunately, no definition of "social function" was spelled out, although most members present took it to mean an affair where food or drink is served.

R.A.L.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Changes Are Proposed

At last week's Annual Meeting Kathleen McLaughlin, acting chairman of the Admissions Committee, officially proposed several changes in Article III of the OPC Constitution.

There was considerable discussion of two of the proposed changes, which will be voted on through the mails later this month.

One change would require applicants for Active membership to have had five years of journalistic experience (Art. 4, Sect. a,b) in place of the current vague wording of "a career pursued for a considerable or extended period."

A second change would relate to writers of books, who would be eligible only for Associate membership under the new rules. "Authors of published books on foreign affairs" are currently eligible for Active membership.

In addition, the proposed change would require that the book be specifically related to "international affairs," in place of "current affairs" as the rules now read.

Two additional changes of relatively minor significance also will be voted on this month.

One would allow professional magazine writers of established reputation to apply directly for an Associate membership. They currently must be issued an invitation by the president and board of governors before they can apply.

The last change is a technical one replacing the wording "continental United States" with "territory of the United States" wherever it appears. This would recognize Hawaii and Alaska.

According to the Constitution, these amendments can be mailed to all Active members three weeks after they have been read at the Annual Meeting. Thus they will be circulated on or after May 15.

Included with the actual texts will be summaries of the comments made at the Annual Meeting.

Voting will be handled strictly by mail. The changes, of course, will not be retroactive and would apply only to new applicants for membership.

R.A.L.

DR. JAGAN'S U.S. TRIP CANCELLED

Because of legislative and labor emergencies at home, it was necessary for Dr. Cheddi B. Jagan, Prime Minister of British Guiana, to cancel his United Nations and United States trip at this time, which included the OPC press conference scheduled for Mon., April 29.

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President's Report

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It is my sincere belief that the former president's resignation was a personal one — neither desired nor sought by any member or group of this Club.

Mr. Johnston's resignation was accepted with regret at the board's March 8, 1963, meeting, after unsuccessful appeals that he reconsider — and as first vice president, I then became president of the Club.

As president, I have viewed the board as your elected policymakers — not as my cabinet — which they are not. And I want to assure you that the board meetings are now being conducted with serenity and without the internecine and intramural warfare which was a feature of our previous meetings. They are not as exciting as they once were, but much more progress is being made in the day-to-day operation of the Club's business and housekeeping, and even its spirit has improved.

The treasurer will give you a better picture of the fiscal fitness of the Club. I wish to assure you that we are in pretty good health and spirit right now as we go into our last month of office under this present board and officers.

Our financial disasters are not as horrendous as some of you have been

led to believe — not that we can't improve our position. But this is the kind of Club which seems to stumble from one financial disaster to another — always upward, however. The new word for it is escalation.

The most important legacy this present board can leave the new officers and board is one of good will, good spirit. With your help, I am sure that such a legacy will be left them.

I am proud to have had even a small part in bringing the Club around to a more amiable state of mind, as well as keeping it in focus on the real and major purposes of the Club — as you will realize when you hear some of the inspired and stimulating reports from our committee chairmen.

Our officers and board members have worked hard, harder than any other group in my recent memory. I certainly want to thank them for their support during the critical transition days when fortunately we had a group of experienced people to carry on.

All in all, it's been an exciting year, a memorable year; and with all its fireworks, and always on the edge of the precipice . . . it has been . . . a typical OPC year.

Will Yolen

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LEON PEARSON, 63 NBC RADIO/TV CRITIC

Leon Pearson, 30 years a newsman and the man who set the style for the growing practice of theater criticism in radio and TV, died this week at 63.



With his brother, columnist Drew Pearson, and Robert S. Allen, Leon Pearson created the "Washington Merry-Go-Round" in 1934. Nine years later he joined the INS and served as its Paris bureau chief from 1945 to 1947.

As an NBC correspondent, beginning in 1947, Pearson covered the United Nations General Assembly in Paris and Berlin airlift.

As NBC critic at large, he gave his reviews a lusty quality edged with subtle humor.

Pearson was born in Illinois, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Swarthmore, had a Harvard Masters degree. He lived at 35 Saxonwood Road in White Plains. Survivors besides his brother include his wife and three sons, one of them, Andrew Pearson, NBC correspondent in New Delhi.

McCarty, 51, Found Dead

Milburn McCarty, 51, president and founder of the international PR firm bearing his name, Milburn McCarty Associates, was found shot to death April 26 in a wooded area of Staten Island, with a discharged shotgun nearby.

Born in Texas, McCarty began his news career during high school and (Dartmouth) college summers, reporting for the *Dallas News*, *Forth Worth Star Telegram* and *Eastland Telegram*. After Dartmouth, he came to New York to join the *Herald Tribune* and, later, the editorial staff of the *New Yorker* magazine.

He entered the PR field in the late 30s, working as account executive for the late Steve Hannagan. During WWII, he was treasury press chief of the National War Bond Campaign and also was a combat correspondent in the Pacific.

He resided at 225 E. 46th St. NYC.

OPC FLIGHT - LAST CALL FOR SEATS

\$295 round trip - Idlewild to Rome, May 17; return from London, June 16.

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Diederich was hauled off to the National Penitentiary, searched and thrown in solitary confinement for two days. Then he was spirited off to the airport for a one-way trip to New York.

Diederich has no complaints about his treatment in prison ("the regular army soldiers who were my guards were a nice bunch of chaps," he explains) but, with an air of fine understatement, the newsman did say he felt his summary deportation a little hard to understand. True, he had been arrested three times before, during national emergencies in Duvalier's Haiti. True, too, he had sent out files last week on the assassination of three Duvalier bodyguards and the bloody reprisals by government militiamen which followed. But, as always, Diederich had used the care he has become accustomed to in 14 years of covering Haiti. For reporting on that troubled Caribbean nation for any sustained period requires the correspondent to take pains not to rile the sensitive Duvalier government.

Diederich arrived here with eight cents Haitian and the clothes on his back (the government confiscated \$17 he had in his pocket when arrested and applied it to his airline ticket). He was able to phone his wife from New York Monday. But government censorship ended that a day later. The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee took action on Diederich's situation early this week.

Diederich is the lone non-Haitian (born in New Zealand) newsman regularly stationed in Port-au-Prince. But with the Dominican crisis, visiting firemen were getting a taste of the kind of problems he normally copes with. Telephone reports, for example, were frequently interrupted by a voice saying, "Be careful. This is the censor."

Morris Rosenberg of Mexico City moved to Port-au-Prince for the AP and Isaac Flores was sent to Santo Domingo from New York. UPI sent Martin Houseman of New York along with Albany photographer William Rowlinson to Santo Domingo and Henry Rayment of Washington and photog Hugh Wessels of Miami to Port-au-Prince.

The *NY Times* sent Washington's Tad Szulc to Haiti and Bogota-based Richard Eder to Santo Domingo. The *NY Herald Tribune's* Barney Collier, new LatAm chief, came up from BA. *Time* had Rio-based John Blashill in Santo Domingo. *Newsweek* sent John Barnes there.

ABC sent Paul Good and cameraman Keith Heaton to Port-au-Prince from Mexico City. For CBS, it was Hughes Rudd from Atlanta, Lawrence Pierce and LeRoy Rollins of Montgomery and Charles Kuralt and Mario Biassetti from Rio. NBCmen dispatched to Haiti were Richard Valeriani and Cal Marlin.

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Third Floor draws capacity crowd as 1962-63 books go on display.

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LITERARY AFFAIR, DINNER HONORS BOOKS, AUTHORS

It was hi-ho, come to the *Book Fair* at OPC Tues., April 30, with the occasion the Club's second annual event honoring members whose books have been published in the past 12 months. More than 50 OPC authors were represented by their recent works, copies of which were on display and for sale at special discount prices.

During a pre-dinner interlude, prospective buyers were lured into making purchases by such soft-sell gimmicks as free champagne and theatre celebrities — Alan Mowbray, star of the current hit "Enter Laughing," actor Eddie Bracken, Sammy Smith of the "How to Succeed..." cast and showman Georgie Price.

Volunteer salesmen — Helen Fruchtman, Florence Z. Friedman, Beulah Harris, Jerome Klein, Dorothy Omansky, Madeline D. Ross, and Elaine Siebert —

reported an exceptionally brisk business.

The excellent dinner, MC'd by John Barkham, *Saturday Review* Syndicate book critic, and with a menu planned by cookbook authors Myra Waldo and Betty Wason, was followed by still additional entertainment — by comedian Jerry Bergen and folk singer Oscar Brand. The Fair was planned by the Book Night Committee. Working committee members who assisted chairman Anita Diamant Berke were Betty Etter, Dorothy Gordon, Beulah Harris, Robert S. Kane, Fred Kerner, Wendell Sether (who arranged the display booths); Bernard Sobol; and Ruth Warren. But the real stars were the OPC authors and their books.

The honor list: Martin Abramson, David Alexander, Theodore Bernstein, Jean Libman Block, Lawrence Blochman, Arnold Brackman, Whit Burnett,

James D. Cary, David Chandler, Ann Cutler, Florence Dennon, Dorothy Ducas, James Dugan, William J. Dunn, Paul Eriksson, Morris Ernst, Temple Fielding, Adele Fletcher, Seymour Friedin, Babette Hall, Richard Hawser, Harold J. Highland, Richard Harrity, Dick Hyman, M. Harcourt, Welles Hagen, Tim Horan, Robert S. Kane, Fred Kerner, Dan Kurzman, Harry Kursh, T.E. Kruglak, Jerome Klein, Alan Levy, Aline Mosby, William Morris, Gary MacEoin, Ralph G. Martin, Norbert Muhlen, Barrett McGurn, Dan Morris, Edward C. Potter, Marshall Peck, Don Peretz, John Rosenberg, Charles Rotkin, Ralph Lee Smith, Charles Samuels, Elaine Shepard, Hans Sahl, Bradley Smith, Eric Sloane, Lowell Thomas, Ruth Warren, Myra Waldo, Betty Wason, Morgan J. Wittengil, Will Yolen and Gregor Ziemer.



Some of the OPC authors whose books were represented in the Fair line up in one of the several colorful display booths.